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In re application of:

Gummalla *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/783,405

Filed: February 15, 2001

For: **System and Method for  
Suppressing Silence in Voice  
Traffic Over an Asynchronous  
Communication Medium**

Confirmation No. 4790

Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: (to be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 1875.0430001

**Reply To Notice To File Corrected Application  
Papers -- Filing Date Granted**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated **May 24, 2001**, Applicants submit: Substitute Formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$72.  
    ▪ \$72 for 4 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 912.

*Filing fee, 4 claims, Decl, 2001 fees July 24, 2001  
stat Bar December 29, 2001*

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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*Drawings due July 24, 2001*

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. Reply To Notice to File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted;
3. Substitute Seven (7) Sheets of Formal Drawings (FIGs. 1-10); and
4. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents

July 24, 2001

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Molly A. McCall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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